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This Riding generally is in an unsatisfactory and disturbed state. This is mainly due to the agitation for the sale and division of grazing farms and estates. Matters are becoming worse as the winter approaches, and the agitation is spreading into the Mountbellew and Ballinasloe districts, which have hitherto been quiet.

Athenry district is in a very unsettled state, and requires the constant attention of a large force of police to keep down crime.

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There is no really serious boycotting in the Riding. A good many unpopular people are boycotted to the extent of being unable to get workmen locally. Some find it difficult to get goods openly in the local shops. Others cannot easily get horses shod, &c. All, however, contrive in some way to get what they require.

The Clanricarde planters were refused goods in Woodford and Portumna. A full report has been furnished.

Intimidation is rife in the form of threatening notices, firing shots, and resolutions of the U.I.L. affecting persons who will not give up their legal rights.

The local press also publishes letters and resolutions of an intimidatory character.

The hunting has not yet been interfered with, and possibly may not, as most of the unpopular landlords do not hunt. The farmers realise that if hunting were stopped, the result would be a loss to them.

Dated at Ballinasloe,
4th November, 1907.

T. J. Smith,
C.I.

To
The Inspector General.

A portion of this Report, being of a strictly confidential nature, has been omitted at the place indicated.

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